

Mr. Ron Clark,
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Dear Mr. Clark,

I appreciate your attention to our problem with sensitivities. I know you must be busy, especially with a new government coming in.

I also applaud the appointment of the Thompson Committee, with the reservation I mentioned about the one commission member known to be biased on the issue.

Please forgive me if I'm putting a lot of anxiety out, I've had such bad experiences with people on this issue that I get upset about it very easily.

On the other hand, please understand how I consider it an act of negligence, even criminal negligence, that the minister is not providing us with health care.

It terrifies me that a minister of health would say he can't help people who are sick, just because doctors are arguing about just exactly what's wrong with us. The simple fact of the matter is that we're healthier if we avoid the substances we're sensitive to. We're sick if we don't. Whether you want to call this allergy, sensitivity, ecological illness, environmental illness, or whatever, it really doesn't matter.

People are sick. Some with the disease have committed suicide after trying to deal with it under a Ministry of Health that refuses to recognize our existence. Others, including one person the CBC was building a story around, have died.

Let's cut the academic crap and do something.

Again...thanks for your precious time. I've worked in similar jobs, and I understand the pressures. I also understand how people can become insensitive when constantly working under those pressures. Your sensitivity seems to have survived. I'm grateful.

Chris Brown.

P.S. I've included an outline of the 'Issues Brief' I'd like to write. I'd appreciate anything you could do to help me get funding. It would be significantly different than the work of the Thompson Commission, if only because it would be done under the auspices of the Human Ecology Foundation, and as such would become a group building process for its members.